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DOSAAF Training with Army Mines

1. The Estonian cadres trained by the DOSAAF at Pskov for future sabotage in the rear of the enemy have been told that if a war should break out they will be required to use the mines employed at present by the Soviet armed forces. They have had to study the use of the following retarded action mines:

MZD-1
MZD-4
MZD-4M
MZD-5
MZD-5M
MZD-10
MZD-35
MZD-60

2. These mines come in square wooden boxes with leather handles. They are of various sizes, the most frequent sizes being:

155 mm x 155 mm x 150 mm
130 mm x 150 mm x 200 mm
205 mm x 185 mm x 115 mm
265 mm x 200 mm x 120 mm

The mines are provided with 'electrochemical detonators' (ChKh) and 'time detonators' (ChMV).

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Grenade Throwing Competitions

3. "In Dec 53 the organizational committee of the Soviet-Estonian DOSAAF received instructions from the organizational committee of the All-Union DOSAAF recommending the inclusion of a competition of grenade throwers in every DOSAAF sporting competition. The instructions describe the projected competition. It consists in target throwing and distance throwing. Teams, of five persons each, compete. Two obligatory exercises must figure in every competition:

- (a) The casting of three exercise grenades from an upright position and a fixed spot at a running human figure in the center of circles with a radius of 1.2 and three meters at a distance of 25 meters. Ten seconds are allowed for the casting of each grenade, reckoning from the command 'Grenade-fire'. The marks are: Hit in a circle of one meter's radius - 'excellent'; two meters - 'good'; three meters - 'mediocre'.
- (b) The casting of three exercise grenades as far as possible from a walking position. Time - 15 seconds for the casting of each grenade, reckoned from the command 'Grenade-fire'. At the command 'Grenade-fire' the competitor must take out the grenade from its satchel, pull out the safety catch and cast."

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